

Bemidji State University Policies

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Policy Statement

Bemidji State University policy states that all students enrolled for credit instruction and who are assessed the student health fee are eligible to use the health services available at the Student Center for Health and Counseling (SCHC).

Scope and Purpose of Policy

The scope of this policy applies to all enrolled on-campus students carrying three or more academic credits. The purpose of this policy is to provide information to eligible students of the services available to them by the University as well as to inform students about the considerations of the services. The SCHC is required by law to maintain appropriate guidelines regarding Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and, when necessary, the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Definitions

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of students' educational records.

- Treatment records under FERPA are records on a student who is eighteen years of age or older, or is attending an institution of postsecondary education, which are made or maintained by a recognized professional which are made, maintained or used only in connection with the provision of treatment to the student, and are not available to anyone other than persons providing such treatment.

Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is federal legislation that created national standards to protect the privacy of patients' medical records and other personal health information.

Procedures

Proof of student fee payment is required prior to service. A properly completed medical history form is essential to SCHC staff in providing appropriate treatment and is required of all students prior to treatment. Failure to comply with either of these requirements may result in denial of service.

Students with health conditions that unreasonably endanger the safety and welfare of themselves and/or other members of the University community may be removed from the University and University facilities, have their enrollment canceled or be denied enrollment at the beginning of a semester if their condition persists. After considering available information, the Director of the Student Center for Health and Counseling, the Associate Vice President for Student Life and Success (or designee) and the students' College Dean (or designee) shall determine jointly whether these students shall have their current enrollment canceled or will be permitted to register.

Rationale

The rationale for this policy is to provide on campus students with student health services and care.

Supporting References

<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>

<https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/index.html>